

Glendale Gleanings

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President's Message

Welcome back to another year of the Glendale AAUW activities. Our first meeting will be on September 26. We will reunite with longtime friends and meet new members. We will also have an interesting speaker. Please join us for the start of the new program year. We still need a new coordinator for social activities so please consider volunteering.

-President: Mary Ellen Bloomberg

This year's Executive Committee

President	Mary Ellen Bloomberg
Acting President	Joanna Conde
Program Vice President	Joanna Conde
Membership Vice President	Cathy Corella
Recording Secretary	Ginny Deely
Treasurer	Pat Zajicek

Reminder to all Board members: Our next Board meeting is **September 26** at Marie Callendar's at **8:00 AM**.

September General Meeting

Date: **September 26**

Time: **9:00 AM**

Where: **Marie Callendar's**

Our next general meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 26** at **9:00 AM** at Marie Callender's on Bell Road just east of 51st Avenue. The speaker will be Jim Reed of the Maricopa County Community Colleges. Details on his talk will be forthcoming in a future email.

-Program Vice President: Joanna Conde

Membership

A big welcome is extended to our new member Pam Kohnken. Pam received her BS degree in Education and Business from the University of Denver. She went on to receive graduate degrees in Public Administration and Economics at ASU. She is now retired but was formerly an economist with the Departments of Agriculture and Interior. She has taught at Glendale and Rio Salado Community Colleges and is now a volunteer with animal rescue organizations and with literacy programs. Pam likes to do crafts, bowl, golf, and play canasta.

Congratulations are extended to our long-time member Nelda Crowell. At the Glendale City Council meeting on May 26, Mayor Elaine Scruggs and Bud Zomok, chair of the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission, presented the 2009 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award to Nelda Crowell. Nelda is the archivist at the Thunderbird School of Global Management. She created the school's archives and has done meticulous research and kept a record of the school, its activities, students and faculty over the span of its existence. The Ruth Byrne Award was initiated in 1996 to honor individuals and organizations on an annual basis for contributions to the preservation of Glendale's history and heritage.

Currently, the Glendale Branch has a total of 33 paid members, 5 life members and 4 dual members. We will be starting membership drives soon - watch for the announcements.

-Membership Chairperson: Cathy Corella

Newsletter

This is my first attempt at editing the branch's newsletter so bear with me as I learn the ropes. We all want to thank Joanne Backs for her dedication to our newsletter for the past 5 years. She did an awesome job and I have very big shoes to fill. Please call or email me with suggestions, corrections, and additions to future newsletters so that I can best serve our branch in the area of communication. My contact information is in the branch directory.

-Newsletter Editor: Sharon Matyskiela

AAUW National Convention Results

A complete list of bylaws changes as a result of the voting at the AAUW National Convention on June 26-28 can be found at the website www.aauw.org. A summary of things that “did not change” is provided below. Many will be happy to hear that the membership requirement remains intact.

1. The requirement for membership in AAUW remains an associate or equivalent degree or higher. There is no change in the categories of membership or in the student affiliates category.
2. Branches continue to be the basic unit of AAUW, although there is more flexibility given for a branch’s governance structure.
3. States remain but they are optional structures, and there is flexibility given for the state’s governance structure. States also have the flexibility to decide if they want to join in a multi-state structure or other configuration.
4. No branch or state is required to change its current leadership structure if it works well and meets the needs of the branch or state.

Bookshare

Our first Bookshare of the new season will be at the home of **Margaret Eltzroth**. The date is **Tuesday, September 15** and the time is **7:00 PM**. We will be discussing books that the group has read over the summer and also determine which books we will read over the next year. Please bring suggestions. Don't forget to call Margaret to let her know whether or not you will be coming.

-Bookshare Chairperson: Naomi Swickle

Social

The first **Lunch Bunch** will be held on **Wednesday, September 23**. It will be at **Ginger China Bistro, 5940 W. Union Hills Dr.** in Glendale. The restaurant is located on the northwest corner of the intersection. We will meet at **12 Noon**. Please contact Mary Ellen Bloomberg by phone or email by September 19.

The first **Pot Luck** will be at **Mary Ellen Bloomberg’s** home on **Saturday, October 3** at **6:00 PM**. Since it will still be warm, please bring summer favorite foods. Please contact Mary Ellen Bloomberg by September 28.

-Social Director: To Be Determined

September Activity Dates

September 15, 7:00 PM, Bookshare, Margaret Eltzroth’s, call Margaret if you are attending

September 23, 12 Noon, Lunch Bunch, Ginger China Bistro, call Mary Ellen if you are attending

September 26, 8:00 AM, Board Meeting, Marie Callender’s Restaurant

September 26, 9:00 AM, General Meeting, Marie Callender’s Restaurant, call Joanna if you are attending

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 3, 6:00 PM Potluck, Mary Ellen Bloomberg’s, call Mary Ellen if you are attending

Our Mission:

The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Editor’s Notes:

Please use the directory to find addresses, phone numbers or email addresses of our members to contact them.

We email in plain text plus send an attachment as a RTF file (Rich Text Format) for a more readable view of the newsletter for both PCs and Macs.

The deadline is the day after the General Meeting of each month for articles, comments, suggestions sent to the editor.

The newsletter is also put on the website www.aauwarizona.org under the Glendale Branch.

Questions: contact Mary Ellen Bloomberg at branchPresidentGlendale@aauwarizona.org.